Appointment of distributors for LPG in Changiand and Seppa in Arunachal Pradesh

2J75. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be- pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received: any official correspondence from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for appointment of LPG distributorship at Changlang and Seppa in Arunachal Pradesh to> meet the long pending demand of the people of those backward areas; and

(.b) if so, what are the reasons of delay to appoint such distributorship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Requests are received from time to time for setting up of LPG distributorship from different parts of the country, including Arunachal Pradesh. Subject to economic viability anj product availability, LPG distributorships are opened at unrepresented district jheadquartens and places having population ol 20,000 and above in a phased. manner. The locations Changlang and Seppa have been identified for inclusion jn the next LPG Marketing Plan.

Increasing demaufl of LPG

2176. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: WiH the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i» a fact that the demand for LPG has become so tremendous that it is not possible to meet the same with the present pace of supply; and

fb) if so, what are the details of the alternatives Government have in mind to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA); (a) and (bj The potential demand of LPG has been considerably higher than the indigenous availability. However, the demand of existing LPG consumers is being met by and large in full, Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants and augmenting supply through higher imports. In order to increase the availability of LPG in the country in addition to what is available through public sectori oil companies. Government in February, 1993, has decided to allow the import and sab of LPG by private agencies

Maintenance of price discipline in marketing of Petroleum products by private! Companies

2177. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government introduced under a parallel marketing scheme, import by private entre-preneures of petroleum products and its marketing in the domestic market;

(b) the details of petroleum products allowed to be .mported for marketing under the scheme;

(c) whether Government also stipulated in the said scheme any clause to maintain price discipline for the Sfaid petroleum products in the domestic market; and

(d) if so, the detail$_s$ thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (d), Under the Paral lel Marketing System, Government had allowed the private agencies to import and market kerosene, LPG andLSHS by using/setting up their own import facili ties and distribution network. The products can be sold at market dcter-

mined prices, and free market forces are expected to keep the prices competi-tivi

Latest progress position of HBJ Pipeline

2178. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to •tate

(a) what is the latest progress position of Hazira-Jagdishpur gas pipeline;

fb) by when it is likely to b$_e$ completed; and

ic) the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS {CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The project for tlu expansion of the capacity of the HBJ Pipeline from 18.2 MMSOMD to 33.4 MJfiCMD is under implementation. The prelect is scheduled to be completed by Julj. 1997. The approved project cost is Es. 2376 crores.

Vailing list *ior* LPG ki Gujarat

219. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR MAR Will the Minister of PETROLE UM *LND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stte; • *

(a) whether it is a fact that a large numbr of persons in the country, par-ticulaly in the Stat$_e$ of Gujarat are on th waiting lists fo* domestic LPG connetions during the years 1992-93 and 193-94 and upto June, 1994;

(b) ' so, what are the details thereof and nsons therefor; and

(c) 1iat steps are being taken to clear te said waiting lists?

THEMINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATUfcL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The number of waitlisted persons in Gujarat and in the country is as below:—

As on	(Fig. in lakhs) In Gujarat	(Fig. in lakhs) All India
1-4-1993	6.46	101.4
1-4-1994	8.50	114.2

(bj and (c) The waiting period for new LPG connection depends upon the number of pel sons on the waiting list with the dist ibutors, slack with the distributors and also the annual pro-gramme for enrolment of new customers. Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early a3 possible, by ensuring higher product availability, through higher production from existing sources, commissioning new production source;, and higher imports.

मध्य प्रदेश में औद्योगिक एककों के लिये प्राकृतिक गैस की मांग और आपूर्ति

2180. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में स्थित उर्वरक संयंत्रों, औद्योगिक एककों और विद्युत उत्पादन क्षेत्र के लिए प्राकृतिक गैस की वास्तविक मांग क्या है ;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा राज्य को उसकी वास्तविक मांग की तुलना में कितनी प्राकृतिक गैस की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ;

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने अपने विद्युत उत्पादन संयंत्रों के लिये बाम्बे हाई और एच बी जे पाइपलाइन से प्राकृतिक गैस की कोई मांग की है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रस्ताव पर सकारात्मक रुख अपनाया है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार इस संबंध में ठोस कदम कब तक उठाएगी ?